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LAURA BRADLY,
DAUGHTER OF THE FARR MILITARY
ACADEMY FOOTBALL COACH, HAS COME
TO CENTERVIEW TO DELIVER SOME PAPERS
FOR HER FATHER TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF
THE CENTERVIEW TRUST COMPANY. SHE
ARRIVES AT THE BANK A FEW MINUTES
AFTER IT OPENS FOR THE USUAL
BRISK SATURDAY BUSINESS.

JIM WILCOX.

AH, GOOD
MORNING,
MISS BRADLY.
YOU HAVE
BROUGHT
THE PAPERS?

THEY ARE
IN HERE,
MR. LEED.



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EVENTS
HAPPEN
FAST —

GIMME THAT
CASE, PERCY!

NO!

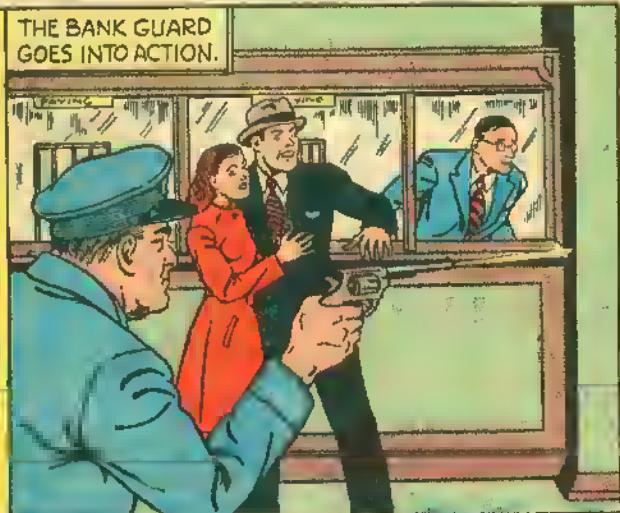
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C'MERE, SISTER, I NEED
YOU IN MY BUSINESS!

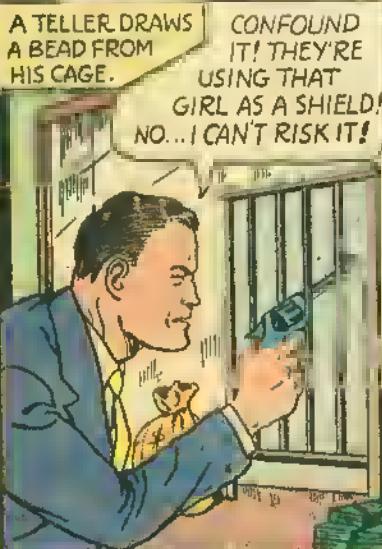
ZERK!



THE BANK GUARD
GOES INTO ACTION.



SPIKE! I GOT TH' COP, BUT HE PLUGGED
ME! SKIP TH'TAKE! C'MON, LAM IT!



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QUESTION
No. 1. What functions do bank tellers perform?

WOT'S
THE BIG
IDEE, BRINGIN'
THAT DAME
ALONG, SPIKE?

I DIDN'T HAVE TIME
TO DROP HER. SHE
AND DINGBAT
HAVE BOTH PASS-
ED OUT. DINGBATS
LOST A LOT OF
BLOOD, SO STEP ON
IT, APE!

HE'LL BE OKAY. THE BULLET
MISSED THE BONE. HE'S LOST
A LOT OF BLOOD...KEEP HIM
QUIET.

RIGHT, DOC.
HERE'S A LEAF...
MORE LATER,
AND YOU KEEP
QUIET! CATCH?



SOME
TIME
LATER—



IN A ROOM
BELOW—

YOU HAD
BETTER
LET ME
GO IF YOU KNOW
WHAT'S GOOD FOR
YOU!

LOOK, LOVELY....
JUST RELAX! YOU
WILL GO WHEN AND
IF DINGBAT GIVES
THE NOD, AND NOT
BEFORE! I'M SURE
YOU CATCH ON!



BUT WHY ARE YOU
HOLDING ME? I'M
NO MILLIONAIRE'S
DAUGHTER. I—

WHY? YOU'VE SEEN
TOO MUCH, BABY!
AND, NOT ONLY THAT,
I COULD GO FOR
YOU IN A
BIG WAY!



OH, YOU COULD, EH! WELL,
AIN'T THAT NICE!

UH...AH, WHY,
HELLO; LIZ.
ER...UH, HOW'S
DINGBAT?



RESTIN'. APE'S WITH IM. DON'T
CHANGE THE SUBJECT! WHO'S
THIS WET-NOSE YOU'RE DROOL-
IN' OVER? HOW'D SHE GET
HERE? C'MON...GIVE!

WHY, THAT
BANK WAS
HOT, AND
SHE SORTA
HELPED ME
SCRAM, SO, I'M
KINDA GRATEFUL

(3)



UH-HUH, APE TOLD ME. JUST CHECKIN' TO SEE IF YOU'D LIE! LOOK, SPIKE, THIS AIN'T NO SNEEZE RACKET. . . . SHE BETTER BE GOT RID OF, AND IN A WAY SO SHE CAN'T SING!



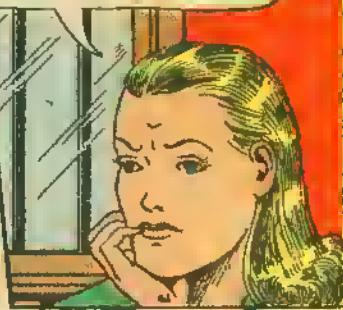
YUH GETTIN' GREEN-EYED, LIZ? SHE IS A NICE LOOKER. AIN'T SHE. BE NICE TO HAVE AROUND, EH?



YOU LUG! YOU JUST TRY TWO-TIMIN' ME! JUST—OH, SKIP IT! LET'S CHECK WITH DINGBAT.

THE DOOR IS LOCKED BEHIND THEM, AND LAURA EXPLORES THE ROOM.

WELL, NOT A CHANCE TO ESCAPE. WINDOW BARRED AND THREE FLIGHTS UP. ONLY ONE DOOR. I'VE GOT TO OUTSMART THIS GANG, BUT, HOW? LET ME THINK.



AN HOUR PASSES. THEN LAURA'S DOOR AGAIN OPENS.

I BROUGHT YOU SOME GRUB. SAY! YOU ARE A GOOD LOOKER! WOW! NO WONDER LIZ IS STEAMIN'! HERE, TAKE TH'EATS.

NO, THANKS.
I'M NOT HUNGRY.



WITH A GRIN, APE SETS DOWN THE FOOD...THEN—

WELL, THEN, APE! ENTERTAIN YOU! . . . SEE? HE JUMP! I LIKE LOLLIPOPS, TOO! YUM! OOH! WHAT PURTY HAIR! SO NICE!.. SO LIKE FAIRY LIGHTS DANCING ON THE BIG CITY CANAL... APE LIKES IT SO MUCH!

APE PLACES THE TOY IN HIS POCKET AND ADVANCES ON LAURA, AND—

DON'T BE 'FRAID! APE, HE JUST WANNA PAT-PAT THE PURTY HAIR! SO-O PURTY!

NO! GO AWAY!

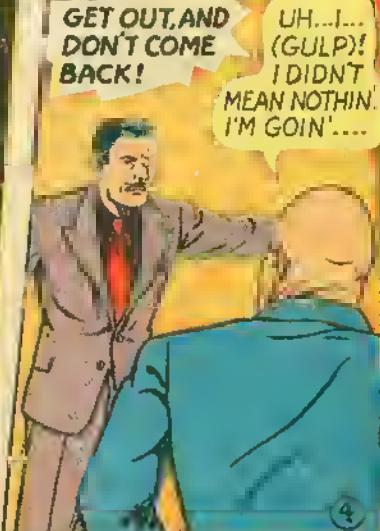
HE'S CRAZY AS A LOON!

APE! YOU HALF-WITTED JERK. STOP THAT! STOP, I SAY!



GET OUT, AND DON'T COME BACK!

UH...I... (GULP)! I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHIN'. I'M GOIN'....



QUESTION No. 2 The Suez Canal links what two bodies of water?

WELL! IF IT AIN'T OLD HOME WEEK, WITH SPIKE GOIN' SOFT OVER A PIECE UH FLUFF! PAH!

SHUT YOUR BIG MOUTH! GET OUT. BOTH OF YOU!

DON'T LOOK SO SCARED, GORGEOUS! I AIN'T APE! HE'S A ROUGH GOON WHO'S A BIT WACKY!...YOU KNOW, IT MIGHT BE SMART TO BE NICE TO ME...CATCH? THINK IT OVER ANO... I'LL SEE YOU LATER, CHICK.



IN THE ROOM ABOVE.

SNIFF-SNIFF...HE HURT MY FEELINS! I DIDN'T MEAN NO HURT. SNIFF...SOMEDAY APE'LL GET MAD AND BREAK 'IM IN TWO! SNIFF.

THE LONG DAY PASSES AND LAURA IS NOT MOLESTED. NIGHT, AND SPIKE AGAIN.

HERE, SUGAR, MAKE A BED OUT OF THESE.

OH, PLEASE LET ME GO! I WON'T SAY A WORD!

NO DICE! LOOK, HOW ABOUT A DEAL? LET'S SCRAM TO BIG CITY TONIGHT. WE'LL DO THE TOWN, THE MOVIES, NIGHT CLUBS... DANCING. WELL?

HERE'S MY BIG CHANCE! ONCE OUT OF HERE I'LL ESCAPE!



WHY, UH, I LOVE DANCING. I BET YOU'RE SUPER AT IT. IT'S..IT'S A DEAL, MR. MR-

CALL ME SPIKE. COOKIE. GOOD! C'MERE AND WE'LL CLOSE TH'DEAL WITH A KISS!

BEFORE LAURA CAN STOP HIM—



KID! IT'S THE BRIGHTLIGHTS! DEAL'S SET! GOT A FEW LOOSE ENDS TO PICK UP. BACK SOON—CHECK?



OUTSIDE THE ROOM, A FIGURE STEALS AWAY AS THE LATCH CLICKS.

SO! SPIKE'S GIVIN' ME THE BRUSH-OFF! TIRED OF ME, EH? I GET THE OLD RUN-AROUND! OH, YEAH? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!



SPIKE LEAVES THE DOOR AJAR

UGH! THAT KISS! BR-R-R-R! BUT IT'S WORTH IT IF I CAN ESCA- OH! THE DOOR IS OPEN! HERE'S MY CHANCE! O-O-OH! YOU!



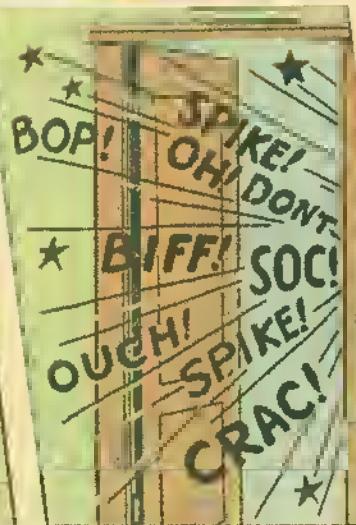
YES, YOU CAN JUST BET YOUR LIFE IT'S ME! SO, YOU AND SPIKE WAS TAKIN'A POWDER ON ME, EH? HA! NOT WHILE I CAN HANDLE A ROSCOE, YOU AINT! AND HERE IT COMES, YOU MAN-STEALER YOU! ...ONE! TWO!



THREE!

GIMME THAT-GAT!

BANG!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, UPSTAIRS—

APE...GIMME...A..HAND. I FEEL... SICK...RIB'S BUSTED...I...GUESS. I...GOT SOMETHING...TO TELL... YOU...APE.



LIZ! WHO DONE THIS TO YOU!
SPIKE?
WHY THAT \$@#X!! I'LL—

APE... I'M THROUGH WITH SPIKE... HE'S BEAT ME... FOR... THE LAST... TIME. YOU STILL WANT... ME FOR YOUR PAL,... APE?

DO I?! CHEEZ, LIZ...I...UH...AH. CHEEZ! YOU... YUH MAKE ME DIZZY. I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, LIZ!

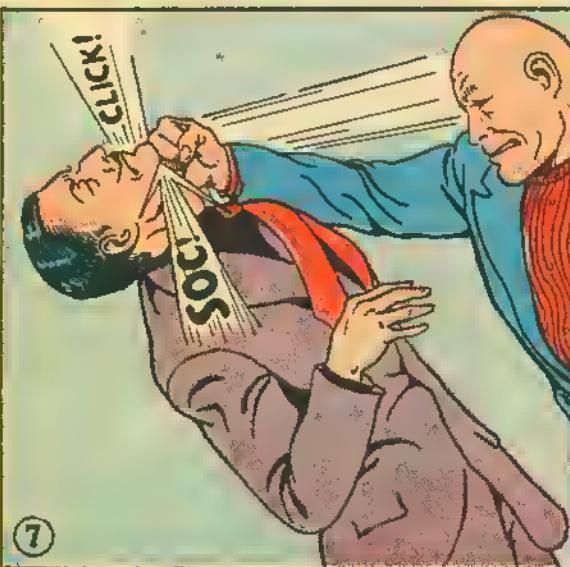
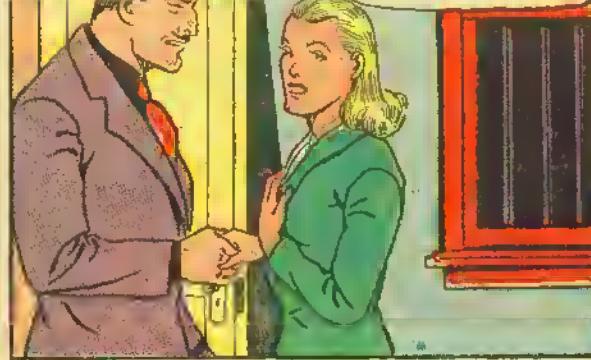


OH, APE, YOU'RE SO STRONG.
(SIGH) I FEEL SO SAFE.....!
APE, SPIKE AND THAT GIRL
ARE TAKIN' A POWDER.
YOU STOP 'EM...AND I
MEAN STOP 'EM!

(GULP) Y'BET!
I'LL STOP 'EM FOR
YUH, BABY!
RIGHT NOW, AND
THEN I'LL COME
RIGHT BACK!

BACK TO
LAURA

WELL, I'M BACK, COOKIE. APE N
LIZ IS IN APE'S ROOM, DINGBATS
ASLEEP, AND I GOT SIX GS IN
MY KICK! C'MON, WE'RE HITTIN'
FOR BIG CITY... BUT
GIVE US A KISS, FIRST!



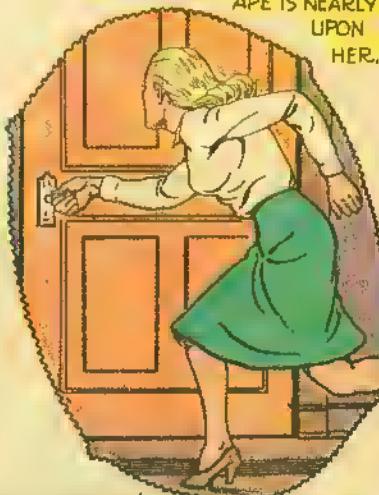
AS SPIKE IS FLATTENED BY
APE, LAURA MAKES A
BREAK FOR FREEDOM.
BUT, AS SHE REACHES
THE DOOR, A HAND
CLUTCHES FOR
HER NECK, AND—



THE COAT BUTTONS GIVE—
LAURA SLIPS
FROM THE
GARMENT
AND—

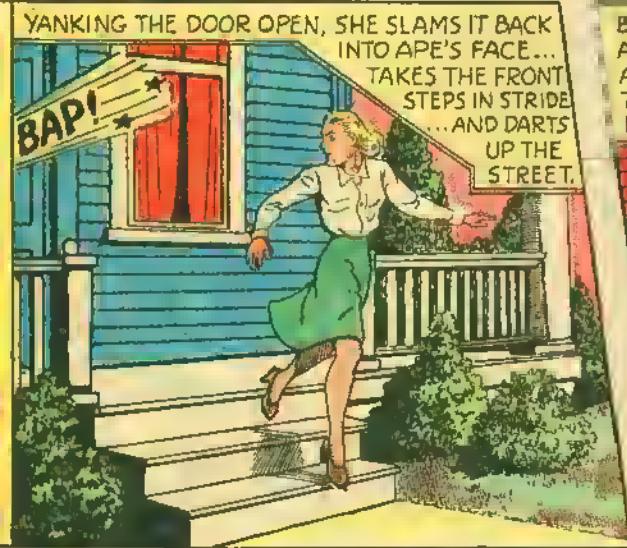
DASHES INTO THE HALL
AND DOWN THE STAIRS.
AS SHE

REACHES THE FRONT DOOR,
APE IS NEARLY
UPON
HER.



YANKING THE DOOR OPEN, SHE SLAMS IT BACK
INTO APE'S FACE...
TAKES THE FRONT
STEPS IN STRIDE
...AND DARTS
UP THE
STREET.

BUT, DESPITE HIS BUILD,
APE IS A FAST RUNNER,
AND, HALFWAY UP
THE DESERTED
BLOCK—



AT THIS MOMENT AN
ATHLETIC FIGURE
ROUNDS THE
CORNER—

WELL, WHAT D'YOU KNOW!
LOST IN CENTERVIEW, OF
ALL PLACES! WHERE IN
HECK IS MAIN STREET FROM
HERE, ANYWAY? ...WHAT'S
THAT? HEY! THAT GIRL'S IN
TROUBLE! I BETTER HELP!



AS DICK CHARGES, APE SLAMS LAURA TO THE GROUND.



BOUNCING BACK FROM APE'S HAYMAKER, DICK SLAMS ONE TO APE'S SHORT RIBS AND THEN STAGGERS HIM WITH A HARD JAB TO THE JAW—



APE SAGS UNDER THE BLOW, AND DICK KNOCKS HIM OUT WITH A RIGHT TO THE BUTTON.

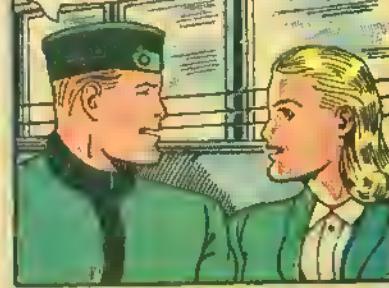


OH, DICK! YOU'RE WONDERFUL! BUT, QUICK! I MUST REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE! I'LL TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY ON THE WAY TO HEADQUARTERS.



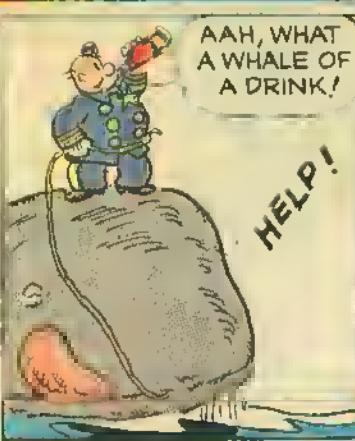
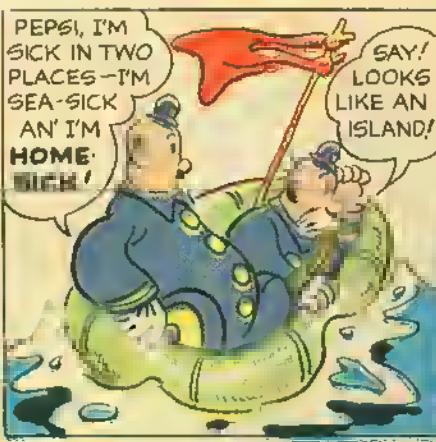
LATER, ON THE LAST BUS FOR FARR MILITARY ACADEMY.

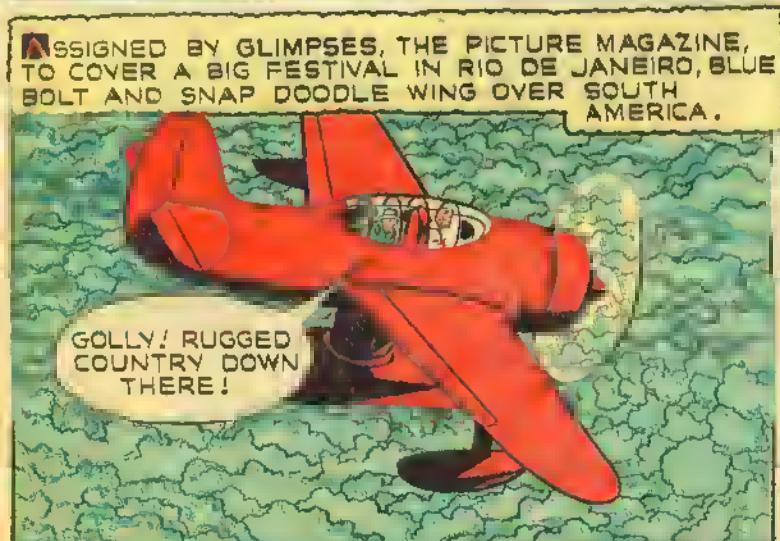
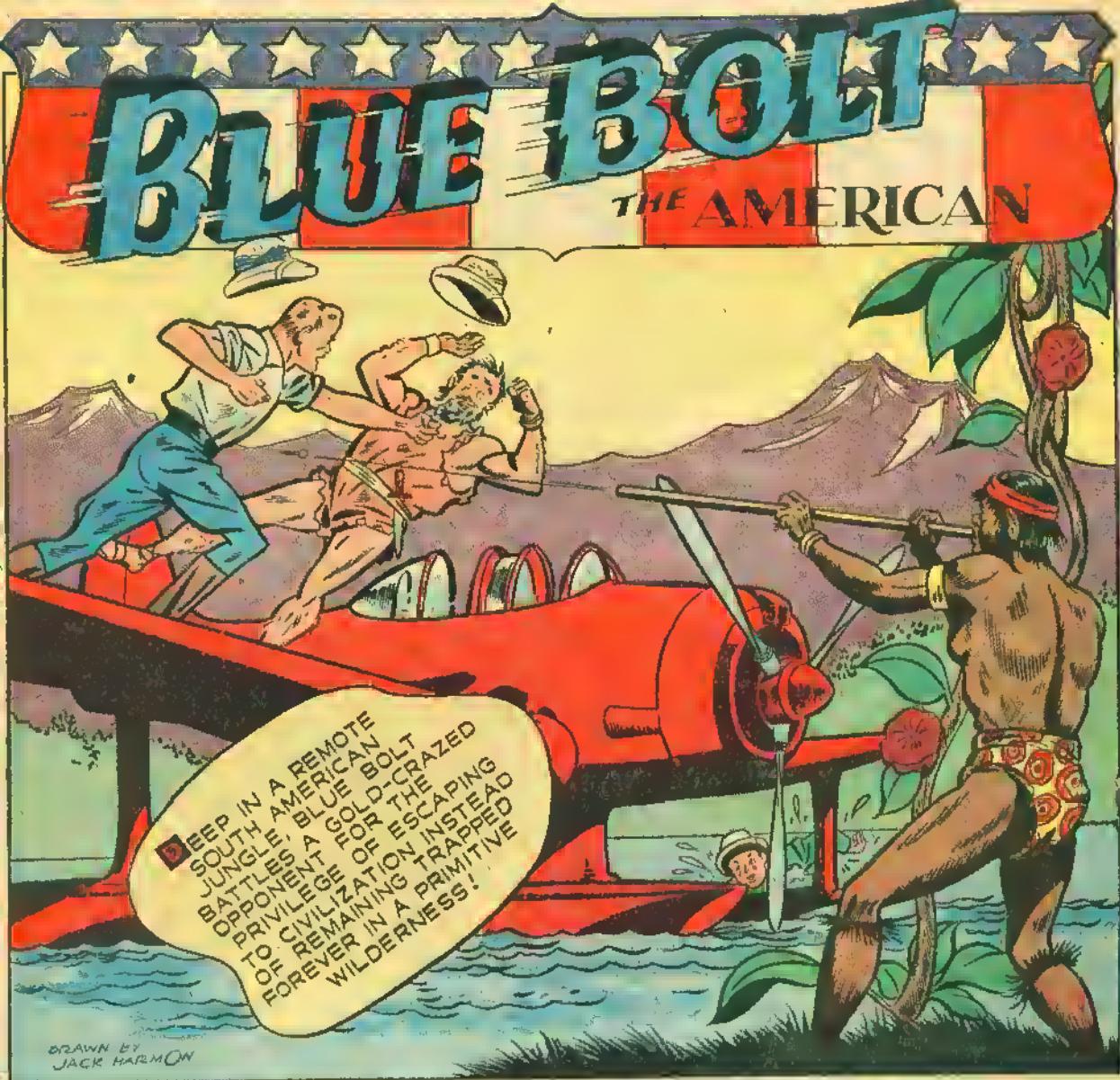
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN AND AGAIN... DICK!

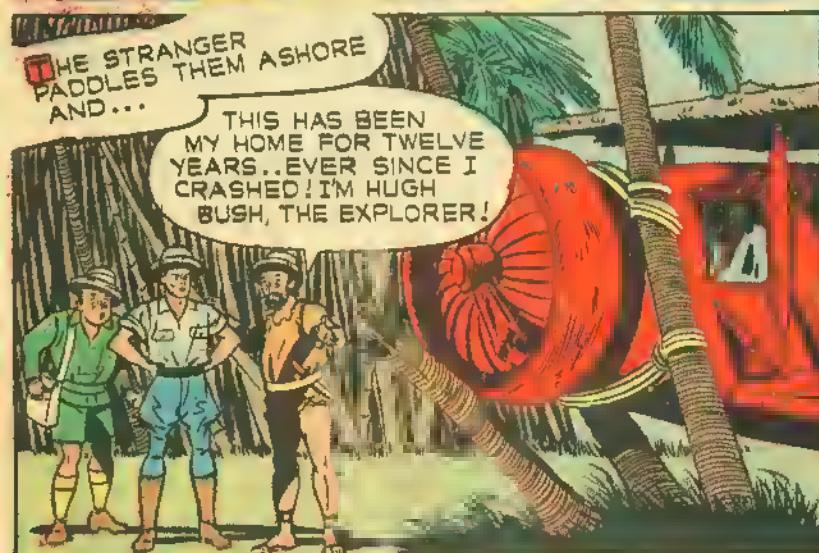
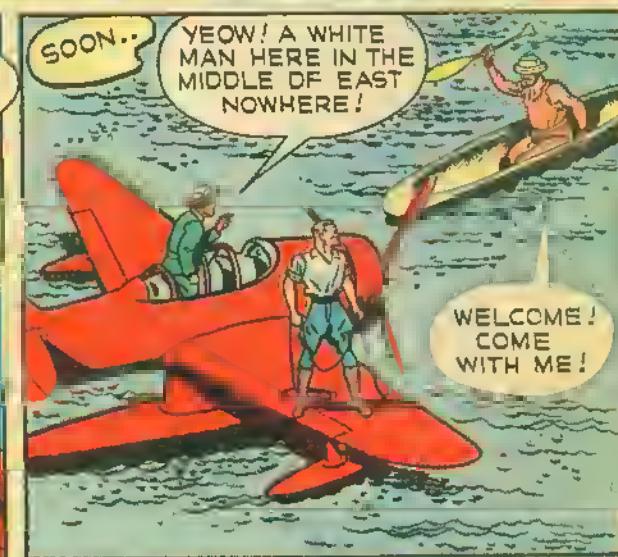
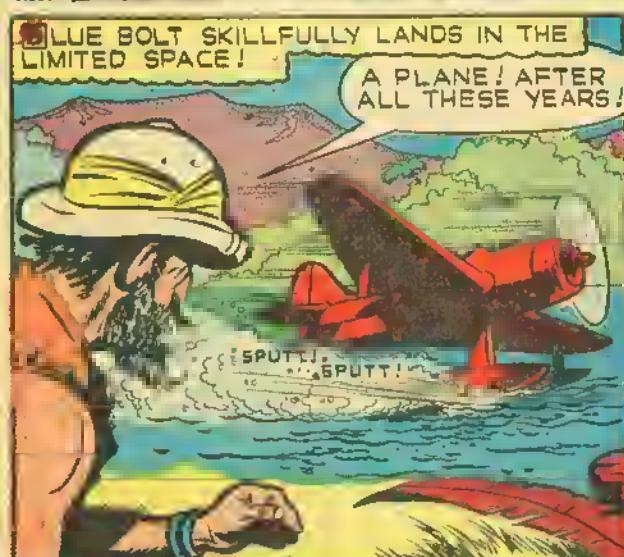


"PEPSI" THE PEPSI- COLA COP

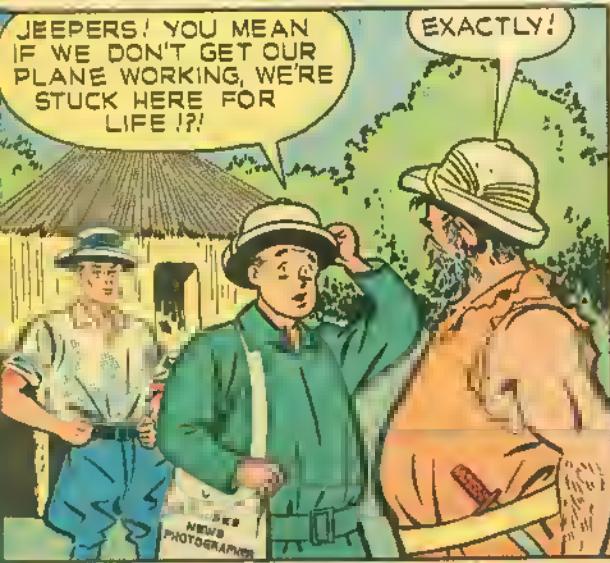
S.O.S.
POLICE-BOAT
LONG OVERDUE
PEPSI AND PETE
MISSING SOS.







QUESTION No. 5 Can you name the highest lake in the United States?



Lake Tulainyo, California. Its elevation is 12,865 feet. ANSWER No. 5

I COULD TAKE THE GOLD.
IF THE OTHER TWO WEREN'T
IN THE PLANE...HMM...



THE TWO NEW SKY GODS WANT
TO FLY AWAY. FOR GOOD LUCK,
YOU MUST HOLD THEM WHEN
I SIGNAL.

YES,
MASTER.



SOON...

MOTOR'S
PURRING LIKE
A KITTEN! LET'S
GET GOIN'!



COME!



HEY! WHAT
IS THIS... AN
INITIATION
OF SOME
KINO?

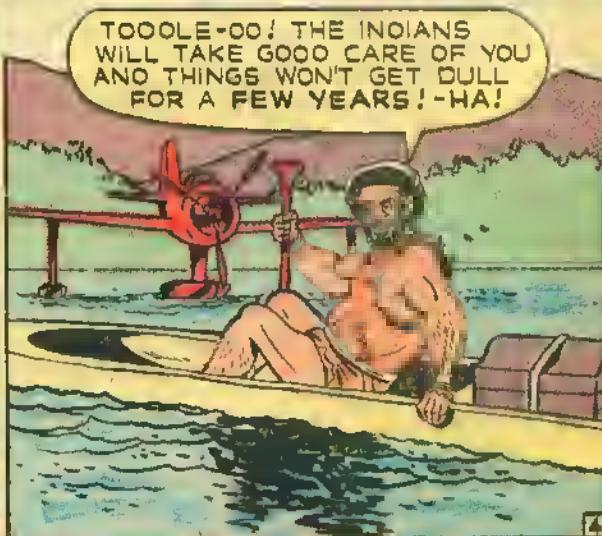
CUT IT OUT,
CHUM.. I'M
TICKLISH!



TOO BAO, GENTLEMEN... BUT
THERE ISN'T ROOM FOR YOU
AND THE GOLO.. SO YOU'LL
HAVE TO STAY!



TOOLE-OO! THE INDIANS
WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU
AND THINGS WON'T GET DULL
FOR A FEW YEARS! -HA!



QUESTION
No. 6

What war in Greek mythology was caused by a golden apple?



SNAP RUNS INTO TROUBLE..

NO, THANKS,
I'M NOT
HUNGRY!

EAT!



BLUE BOLT DAWDLES OVER THE DRUGGED STEW UNTIL ALL THE OTHERS FALL ASLEEP...

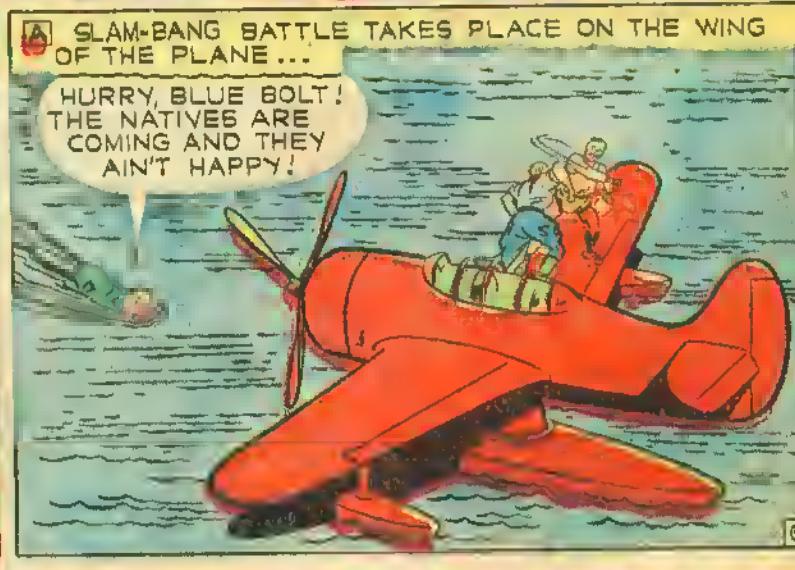
HERE
WE GO,
PAL!

BZZZ-ZZZ

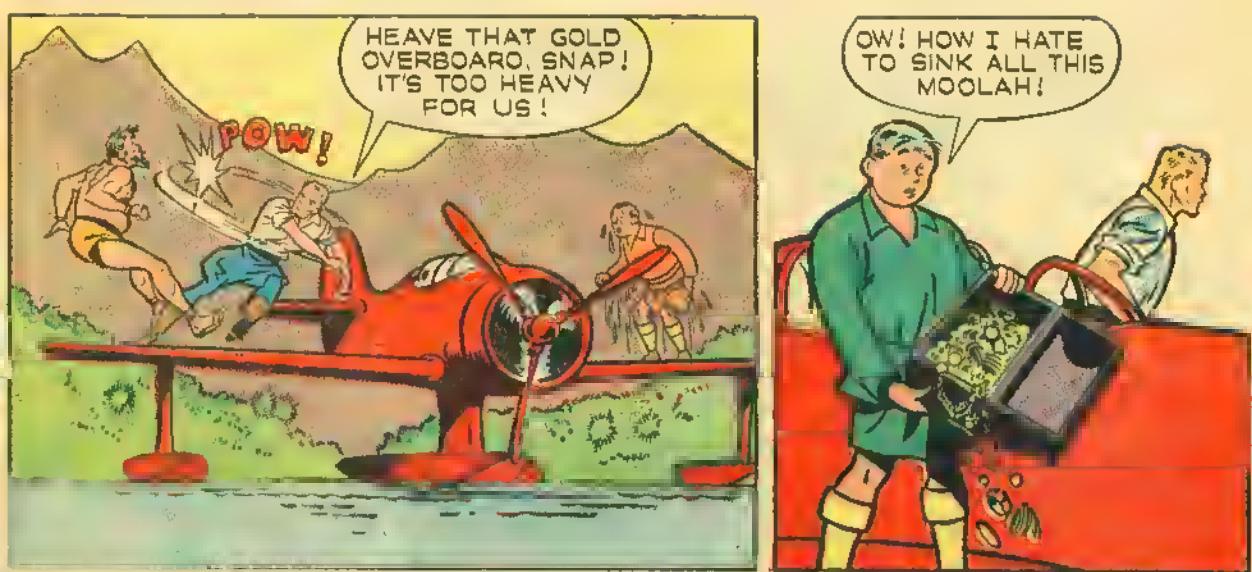


AT THE LAKE'S EDGE, HE IS BLOCKED BY A GUARD!

STOP!



QUESTION No. 7 What movie actress, now dead, starred in the motion picture "China Sea"?



Sergeant Spook

IT WAS IRONIC THAT DAN MAXWELL AND HIS SISTER, VIOLA, SHOULD ENTERTAIN JERRY AT A BEACH PARTY. FOR THE SANDS OF TIME WERE EVEN THEN RUNNING LOW FOR THEIR HAPPINESS! ---DEATH ALREADY WAS ADDING ITS SOMBER HUES TO THE EVENING SHADOWS!

ART BY
DON RICO

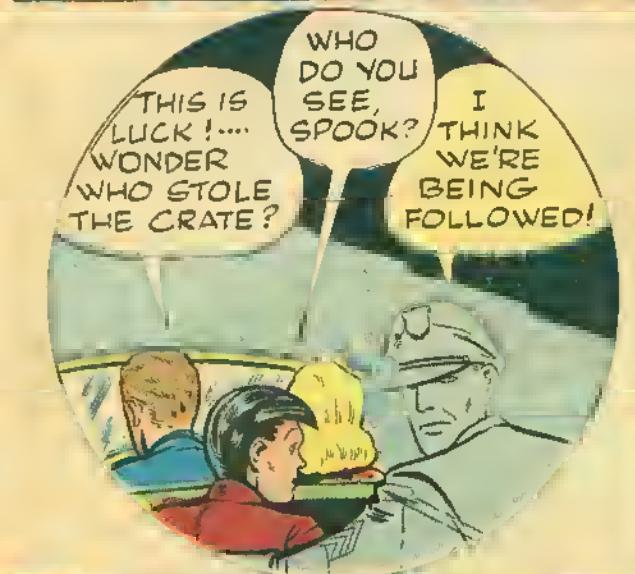
WHEW!
IF I EAT
ANOTHER HOT
DOG I'LL
BURST, SPOOK!

THEY'RE
ALL GONE,
JERRY, SO
YOU AND YOUR
PSYCHIC PAL
NEEDN'T
WORRY!

IT'S
GETTING
DARK! LET'S
BREEZE
HOME!

VIOLA! THE
CAR'S GONE!
---STOLEN!

OH, DAN! JERRY!
LET'S GET TO A
PHONE---QUICKLY!



CRASH!



AT THAT MOMENT SPOOK IS
MAKING A DISCOVERY ON
THE FLOOR OF THE WRECK!
HMM! BLACK SWAMP
MUD! JERRY OUGHT
TO SEE THIS!

THIS WAS
ON THE FLOOR SPOOK!
OF THE CAR! WE NEED
HIDE IT, JERRY!
THANKS,
ALL THE
EVIDENCE
WE CAN
FIND!

I'M GOING
TO LEARN
THE NAME
OF THE
HIT-AND-RUN
VICTIM!

ALL RIGHT, YOU
TWO! C'MON!
YOU'RE GOIN'
TO THE
CLINK!

LATER
WHAT
I CAN'T UNDER-
STAND IS HOW
A NICE KID
LIKE YOU GOT
MIXED UP IN A
CASE LIKE
THIS?

JUST SAY YOU
CAN'T UNDER-
STAND... PERIOD!
HERE'S
SPOOK...
AT LAST!

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW KEEP HIM
I'M A STUDENT OF RAVING, JERRY!
HUMAN NATURE-- I'LL HAVE YOU
OUT OF HERE IN
YOU'RE A
WISE GUY!

JUVENILE
CRIME! BAH! THE VICTIM'S
NAME IS
I GIVE UP! 'NED PRES-
WHAT'S THE COTT! GOT
WORLD
COMIN'
TO!
IT FROM THE
POLICE BLOTTER!
AND, LISTEN...

PREScott LIVES
IN A SWAMP IN THE
WOODS! MEAN
ANYTHING TO
YOU, JERRY?

YEAH!
THAT MUD
YOU FOUND
IN THE
CAR!
RIGHT!
COME ON!
WE'RE
GOING TO
THAT SWAMP!



LATER, AT MIDNIGHT....
PREScott LIVES
WITH A COUSIN
NAMED MORTON
GREW... AND
THERE'S THE
SHACK!

GLAD
YOU CAN
SEE IN THE
DARK, SPOOK!
I'D BE
LOST!

WELL...
WHAT DO
YOU MAKE
OF THAT,
JERRY?

SEARCH
ME...!
LISTEN!

INSIDE THE GLOOMY HUT,
SPOOK AND JERRY SEE...

---WHY... THAT
DIRTY DOUBLE-
CROSSER! WILL
I TELL THAT
BIRD A FEW
THINGS!



I'D TAKE THE
MONEY NOW AND
LIGHT OUT OF
HERE... BUT I
THINK I'VE GOT
A BETTER WAY!
THIS WILL KEEP
TILL I COME
BACK!

AFTER
MORTON
GREW
LEAVES,
SPOOK
AND
JERRY
ENTER
THE
SHACK...

GEE! MAYBE I'M A CROOK.
SPOOK! IN ONE NIGHT
I'VE BROKEN JAIL
AND ROBBED A
HOUSE!

YOU'RE GETTING
EVIDENCE, JERRY!
IF MY HUNCH IS
RIGHT, THAT MONEY
WILL COME IN
HANDY!



BACK ON THE HIGHWAY....

COME ON,
JERRY! WE'VE
GOT TO GET
TO THE HOS-
PITAL IN A
HURRY!

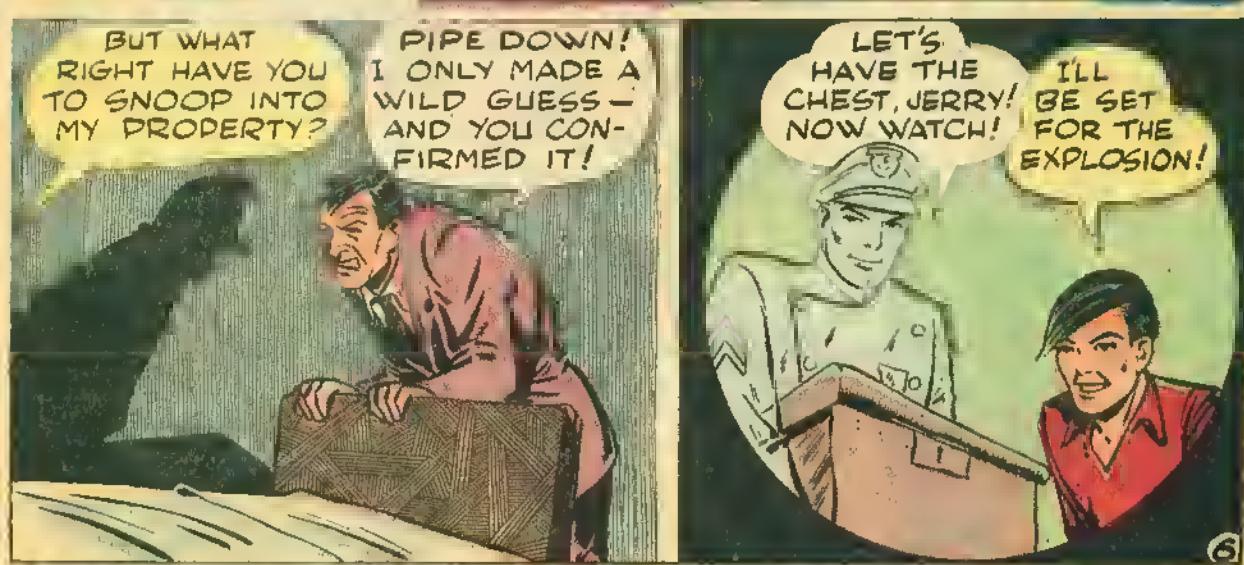
RIGHT!



THIS
IS IT,
JERRY!

-- AND THERE'S
GREW! GUESS
YOUR HUNCH
WAS RIGHT!







"U.S." ROYAL

AND HIS
JET-PROPELLED BIKE



SAVING THE WARDEN'S DAUGHTER!

DEPUTY SHERIFF "U.S." ROYAL IS AT A MEETING OF THE BIKE CLUB HE SPONSORS IN ELM CITY WHEN SUDDENLY...



YOU FELLOWS BLOCK OFF THE ROAD...AND LEAVE THE REST TO ME.



LOOK! BIG CARL WON'T STOP! THEY'RE GOING TO CRASH!

HE'LL KILL THE GIRL, TOO!

WATCH "U.S." ROYAL!



SHE'S SAFE... HURRAY FOR "U.S." ROYAL!

WE FELLOWS IN THE BIKE CLUB ARE READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY... AND SO ARE U.S. BIKE TIRES, WITH THEIR BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN TREAD! THEY'RE THE FAVORITE WITH OUR GANG AND ALL AMERICA!

NEXT ISSUE:
FIGHTING THE FOREST FIRE!
PASTINO

THAT "BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN" GIVES ME FULL CONTROL.



U.S. BIKE TIRES ARE ALL ANY BOY COULD WANT. THEY GIVE YOU LONG MILEAGE, SURE TRACTION AND ON-THE-SPOT STOPS. THAT BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN NEVER FAILS. LEAD THE BIKE PACK WITH "U.S.!"

**U.S.
BIKE TIRES**

America's Fastest Selling Tires



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A WATCH FOR TERRY



HAL took the last newspaper from the box and threw it with the skill of a marksman onto the porch where Terry Evers lived. He glanced at the clock on the village church and saw that it was half past four. There was just time to stop and see Terry before supper. Pulling his sled after him, he followed the same direction the paper had taken a moment before.

Terry was in the basement working on a model airplane. Hal watched him for a little while.

"It's a honey," he said, at length.

Terry looked at it with pride. "My father gave it to me for my birthday. He gave me a wrist watch, too."

It was a neat-looking watch, flat and streamlined, with gold trimming around the edges.

Hal admired the watch for a long time, and Terry let him try it on.

"You can see it at night, too," Terry said, and turned off the light. The dial glowed in the darkness.

"Yes, and if it's right, I'd better go home for supper," Hal said. "Are we still going

skating tomorrow?"

"You bet."

Trudging through the snow, Hal thought about the watch. If only he had a watch, he'd never be late again. It would be fun to always know exactly what time it was, even when he couldn't see the clock on the village church.

Hal tried to dismiss the thoughts, but he just couldn't seem to forget them. He knew that his mother couldn't afford to buy him such a luxury. She needed the income from his papers to help keep a roof over their heads. His mother worked hard, too, sewing and stitching most of the day, so that Hal could go to school.

Hal slept fitfully that night. When he awoke, he could see the dial of Terry's watch on the wall, and when he slept he dreamed that a man stopped him on the street and gave him a watch for his birthday, too. It was only a week away.

He was up with the sun the next morning, however, and ate his breakfast hurriedly. At that, the days were so short, it was nine o'clock when skates over his

shoulder, he reached Terry's home.

"We'll have to take shovels," Terry said. "The pond hasn't been cleaned off at all."

When Terry and Hal arrived at the pond, there were several others there already.

"Let's work all morning and clear a space big enough for a hockey game," Hal suggested. "Then we can play this afternoon."

The boys fell to with eagerness. The snow was heavy and deep, but they had their skates on, and it was carried quickly to the sides. At noontime the rink was almost finished.

"It's twelve o'clock," Terry announced, looking at his watch. "Let's go home and have dinner. We can choose sides for the game when we come back."

"I'll come to your house this afternoon," he added to Hal. "It's nearer the pond anyway."

The teams were evenly matched and the score seesawed back and forth. It was growing dusk before they realized it. Terry sailed up the ice, broke through Hal's defenses, and scored a goal,

putting his team in the lead.

"That's enough," Hal puffed. "You win. What time is it?"

Terry looked at his wrist, then at Hal, dismayed. "I've lost my watch!"

The boys searched for the missing watch, but it was growing dark and it was not long before it was useless to search further. Worse still, a light snow began to fall.

Hal walked home with Terry, trying to cheer him up. But Terry was disconsolate.

"We'll go to the pond tomorrow," Hal said. "We can look some more."

Terry looked at the sky and the flakes of snow drifting lazily downward. He shook his head. "It'll be too late. It's snowing harder now. Besides, we're going to Grandmother's in Boston tomorrow, and we'll be gone for a week."

On his way home again, Hal wondered how he could help Terry find his watch. He felt sorry for Terry, but he couldn't help feeling a little envious, too.

Hal had one foot on his back steps when he saw it. The luminous dial showed up right at his feet, near the corner of the steps where the wind always whipped away the snow. Terry hadn't lost his watch at the pond at all, but right there near his back steps when he'd called for Hal that afternoon.

Hal looked at it stupidly for a moment. All the un-

fairness of the situation welled up inside of him. If he left the watch there and said nothing, no one would ever know. Terry would have lost all the advantage over him that the watch represented. Before it was found in the spring, it would be ruined and no longer of use to anyone.

Hal stared at the luminous figures. It was a nice watch. Just the kind he had always wanted. Even better than leaving it there to be destroyed by the snow, why not take it and keep it. He stooped over, picked it up and put it in his pocket.

The next few days passed quickly for Hal. There were many walks and driveways to be shovelled, and then, too, he had his paper route.

In between, at every opportunity he had, he slipped up to his room and put Terry's watch on his wrist. Once his mother came up the stairs and he had to put it into his drawer quickly so that she wouldn't see it.

All the while there was a gnawing feeling in Hal's stomach. After he had thought it over, he knew that it was not right for him to keep Terry's watch. On the day before Terry's return, he realized what he had to do.

Terry was overjoyed to see his watch. "How did you ever find it?" he asked Hal.

"It was near my back steps. You didn't lose it at the pond after all."

"I tried it on a few times," Hal added guiltily.

Terry grinned. "You should have worn it all the time."

Hal slept soundly that night. The gnawing feeling was gone.

Hal was up early on the morning of his birthday. He was singing happily as he went down to his breakfast. His mother had prepared a very special breakfast for him. From the chair where he sat, he could see her mixing chocolate frosting, and knew that she was making a cake for him. Beside his plate there were a number of packages neatly tied with colored paper and string.

There wasn't any watch. He hadn't expected one. But he was no longer envious of Terry. He was just happy inside, now that he no longer had it on his mind. He could work hard selling papers, and, perhaps, some day . . .

His mother handed him a little package that hadn't been with the others. He looked at it inquisitively.

"Terry's father brought it last night." His mother smiled. "He bought it for Terry yesterday, but he doesn't need it now."

Hal knew then. He opened the box with trembling fingers. In it was the identical twin of Terry's watch.

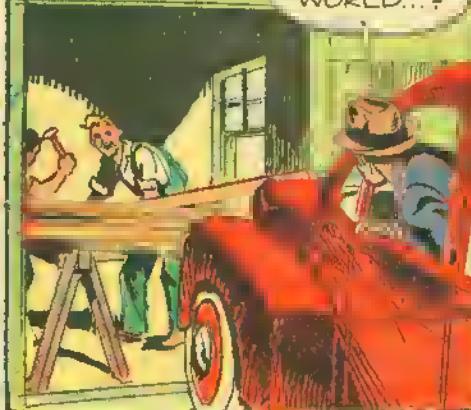
As Hal opened the cover, he realized, in a way, that he was being rewarded for the decision he had made.

Edison Bell



LATE ONE EVENING, EDISON'S FATHER ARRIVES AT HIS HOME, ONLY TO FIND.....

NOW WHAT IN THE WORLD...?



HEY IN THERE!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET MY CAR IN THE GARAGE?

DON'T WORRY DAD...WE'LL BE ALL THROUGH IN A DAY OR TWO!

A DAY OR TWO! THOSE KIDS.... THEY'LL HAVE THIS PLACE TURNED INTO A FACTORY!



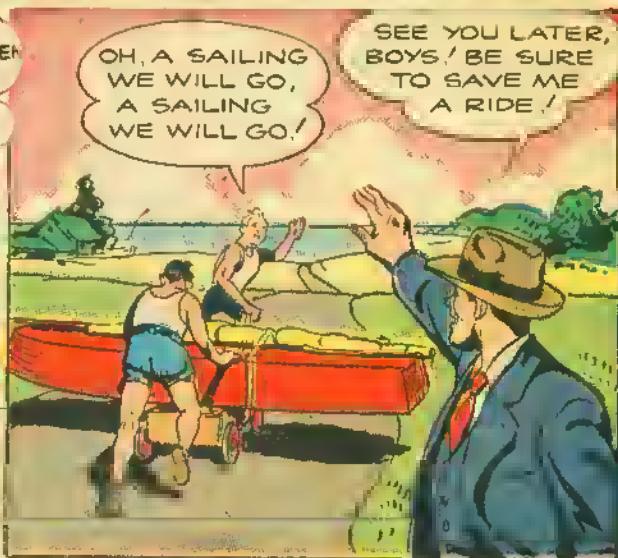
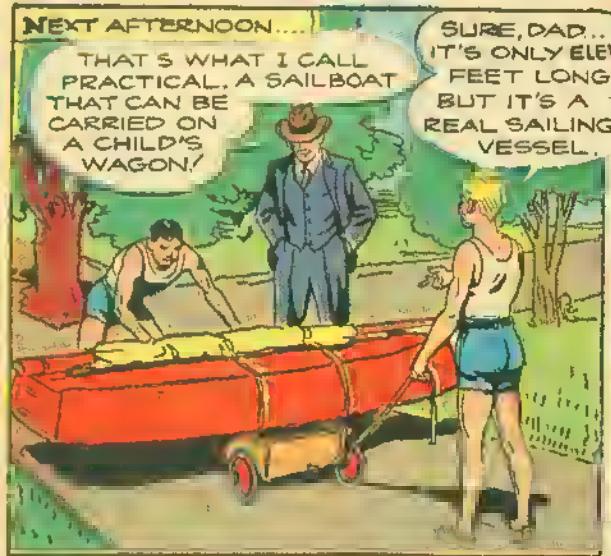
QUESTION
No. 11. Is a factor a person who works in a factory?



No. A factor is an agent, one who transacts business for another.

ANSWER
No. 11.

NEXT AFTERNOON....



AN HOUR LATER...

THIS IS GREAT, IT SURE ISN'T IT? IT IS... AND WATCH YOUR HEAD NOW, WHILE I BRING HER ABOUT.

LOOK AT THE GIRLS, STILL WATCHING US FROM THERE.

SAY, JERRY.

"LEAVE US BE MAGNANIMOUS, AS THE FELLOW ON THE RADIO SAYS, AND LET THE GIRLS HAVE THE BOAT FOR AWHILE."

SURE, THAT'S AN IDEA...AND WE CAN GO IN SWIMMING

AND SO, A FEW MINUTES LATER...

NOW ARE YOU SURE YOU REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU?

OF COURSE, WE CAN SAIL ALL RIGHT!

THEY'LL BE OKAY... NOT MUCH WIND NOW ANYWAY

I HOPE THEY DON'T GET IN TROUBLE...

OFF YOU GO, GIRLS.... HAVE FUN!

OLD WORRY-WART HIMSELF! COME ON... BET I CAN BEAT YOU TO THE FLOAT.

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, CHUM! LET'S SEE YOUR SPEED!

In certain sections of the British Isles, the word "wain" means wagon.

A NSWER
No. 12.

AN HOUR PASSES, AND THEN . . .

HEY, JERRY... WAKE UP! HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN ASLEEP, ANYWAY?

HUH? OH, I DON'T KNOW... SAY, WHERE'S EVERYBODY GOING?



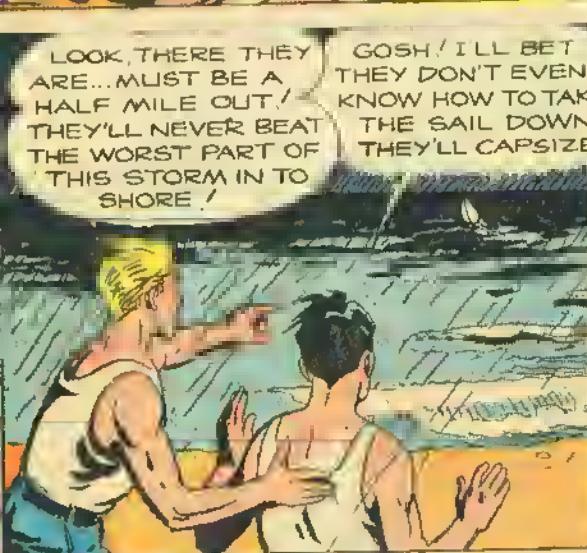
LOOKS LIKE A STORM COMING UP... YEAH, IT'S BEGINNING TO RAIN!

WE'D BETTER GET... EDDIE! WHAT ABOUT THE GIRLS?



LOOK, THERE THEY ARE... MUST BE A HALF MILE OUT! THEY'LL NEVER BEAT THE WORST PART OF THIS STORM IN TO SHORE!

GOSH! I'LL BET THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO TAKE THE SAIL DOWN... THEY'LL CAPSIZE!



WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO OUT AND GET THEM! COME ON... JIMMY SMITH LEFT HIS CANOE ON THE DOCK... WE'LL USE THAT!



WE BETTER HURRY! THE WIND'S GETTING STRONGER ALL THE TIME!

LUCKY JIMMY LEFT THE PADDLES!



WHERE ARE YOU BOYS GOING? YOU'LL CAPSIZE IN THIS WIND!

DON'T WORRY, DAD... WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT! GOT TO HELP THE GIRLS!



BOY, I CAN HARDLY
KEEP SIGHT OF THE
BOAT IN THIS RAIN.
BUT WE'RE GETTING
CLOSER!

I ONLY
HOPE THEY
DON'T HEAD
AWAY
FROM US!

THEY'RE COMING
THIS WAY EDDIE...
BUT THEY'RE SURE
GOING FAST!

WE CAN'T
LET THEM
GET PAST
US OR WE'LL
LOSE THEM
FOR SURE!

LOCK! THEY TRIED
TO TAKE THE SAIL
DOWN, AND IT'S STUCK!
THEY'LL TURN OVER
ANY MINUTE!

I'LL HEAD
THEM OFF, AND
WHEN WE GET
CLOSE ENOUGH,
GRAB HOLD OF
THE BOAT!

EDDIE/JERRY!
PLEASE HURRY...
WE'RE GOING TO
CAPSIZE!

GET SET,
JERRY!

NOW!

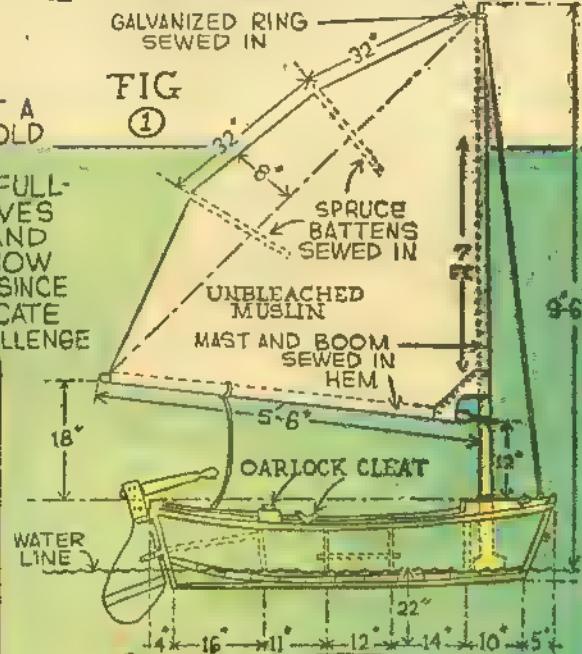
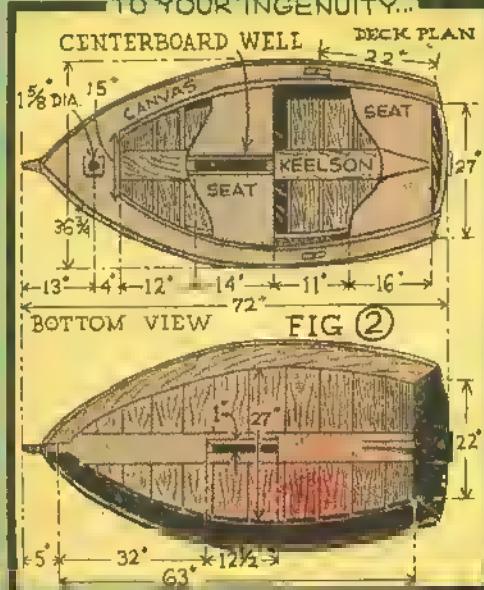
NICE
GOING,
JERRY!
HURRY UP AND
GET IN CLOSE....
CAN'T HOLD ON
THIS WAY LONG!



QUESTION No. 14. Who wrote "Two Years Before the Mast"?

EDISON BELL'S MIDGET SAILBOAT

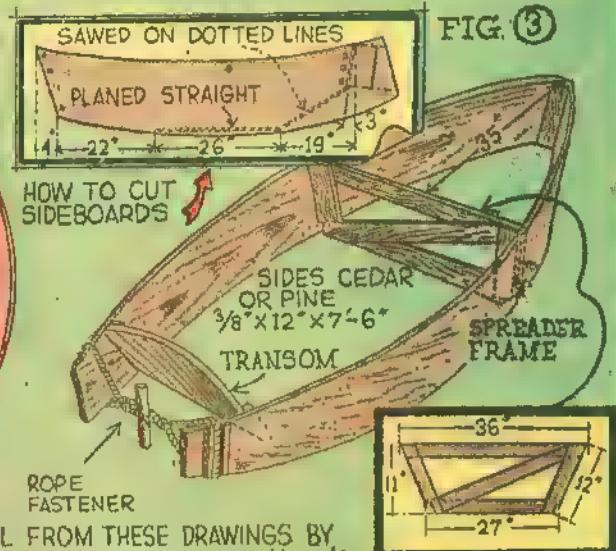
THIS SAILBOAT IS NOT A TOY BUT WILL ACTUALLY HOLD TWO PASSENGERS AND IS EQUIPPED EXACTLY AS A FULL-SIZED BOAT... FIGURE ① GIVES THE GENERAL DIMENSIONS AND THE OTHER DRAWINGS SHOW HOW IT IS PUT TOGETHER... SINCE THIS GADGET IS MORE INTRICATE THAN USUAL, IT IS A REAL CHALLENGE TO YOUR INGENUITY...



IN FIG. ② YOU SEE THE DECK PLAN AND BOTTOM VIEW. THE BOTTOM BOARDS ARE $\frac{3}{8} \times 5'$ TONGUE AND GROOVE STOCK. MAKE THE BOARDS LONGER THAN NECESSARY, SO YOU CAN TRIM THEM EVENLY. PLANE OFF THE TONGUES AND GROOVES and BEVEL THE EDGES, SO THAT A V-JOINT IS FORMED, WHICH IS LATER FILLED WITH CAULKING AND GLUE.

FIG. ③ SHOWS THE FORM AROUND WHICH THE SIDEBOARDS ARE BENT. WRAP THE BOARDS IN BURLAP AND SOAK IN HOT WATER... THEN BEND THEM AND HOLD THEM IN PLACE WITH THE ROPE. WHEN DRY, CUT SIDEBOARD AS SHOWN. (REMOVE FRAME).

THE STEM ASSEMBLY IS DEMONSTRATED IN FIG. ④ AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSOM IS FOUND IN FIG. ⑤. USE FLAT HEAD BRASS SCREWS TO FASTEN STEM and TRANSOM.



MAKE A MODEL FROM THESE DRAWINGS BY
REDUCING THE DIMENSIONS... I.E. CUT SIZE TO $1/3$ or $1/4$

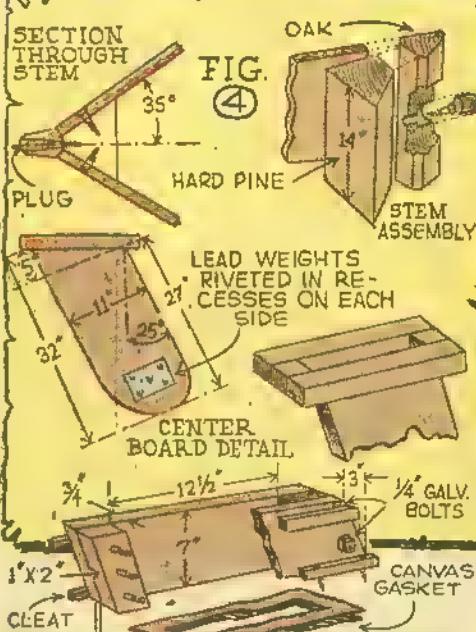
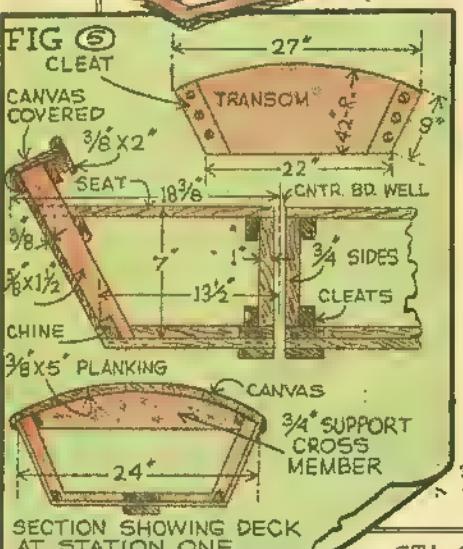


FIG.
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FIG. ④ SHOWS HOW TO MAKE THE CENTERBOARD WELL... USE MARINE GLUE IN THE JOINTS. A CANVAS GASKET SOAKED IN GLUE SHOULD BE USED FOR THE JOINT ON THE KEELSON AND THE INSIDE OF THE WELL OUGHT TO GET 3 COATS OF PAINT BEFORE ASSEMBLY.



**SECTION SHOWING DECK
AT STATION ONE**

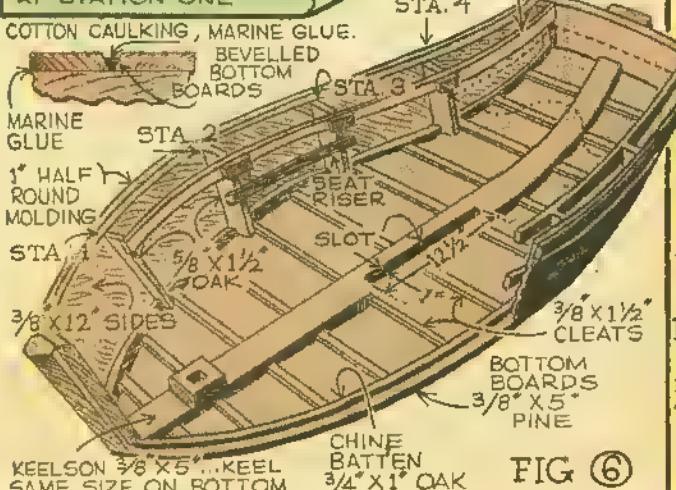
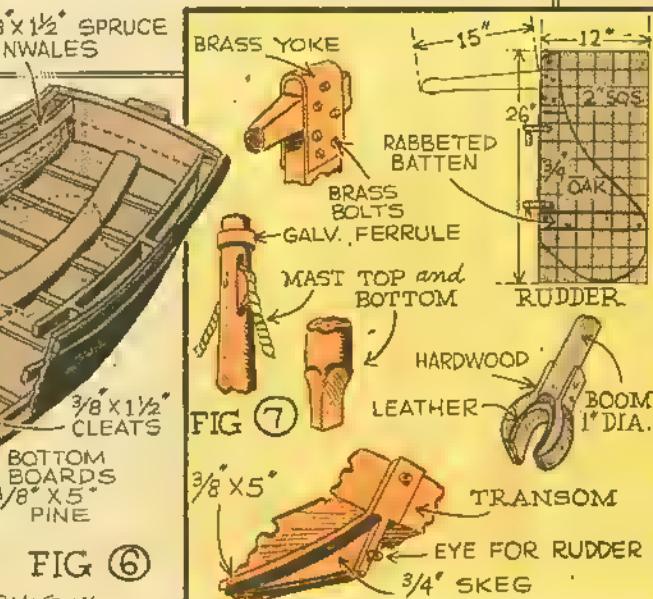
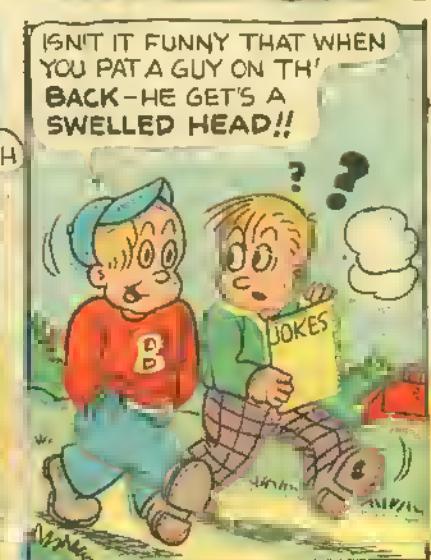
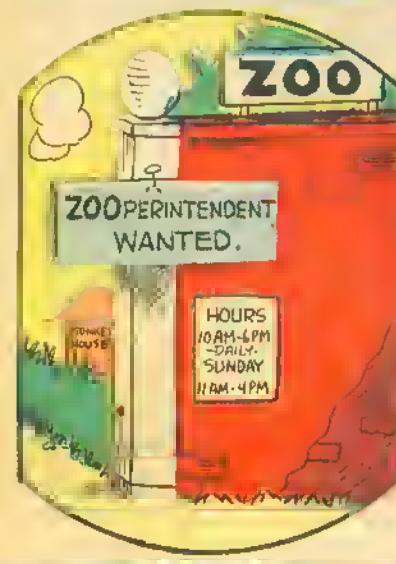


FIG. 6

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BLUE BOLT





FEARLESS FELINE

By
JOE DONDHOE



SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT BUTCH'S HOUSE

CHILDREN, IT'S SUCH A NICE DAY, WHY AREN'T YOU OUT PLAYING?

BUT, AUNT MARY, WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO!

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A HIKE IN THE WOODS? I'LL FIX UP A NICE LUNCH~

GEE, WOULD YOU? THAT'LL BE KEEN!

QUESTION
No. 15. In England, who is known as "The Queen Mother"?

THEY START OFF ~~~~

BOY! THIS IS
SWELL! LET'S
SEE WHAT'S FOR
LUNCH~

WATCH PUDGE!
HE'LL EAT IT ALL!

LET'S GET
GOIN'! HERE
COMES SIDNEY!

YOU GOING ON
A HIKE? I WANNA
GO TOO!

NO, SIR, SIDNEY~
YOU ALWAYS
SPOIL THINGS!





QUESTION No. 16. What English soldier-poet fell on the battlefield of Zutphen in 1586?

THEY REACH THE TENT AND--

G'WAN! GET WET!
YOU FEARLESS FELLERS
CAN'T COME IN HERE!

LOOK, KIDS! OVER THERE--
A CAVE! SIDNEY CAN
KEEP HIS OLD TENT!

THE STORM RISES IN FURY AS THEY
RACE FOR THE CAVE!

HURRY! WE'RE
ALMOST THERE!

GEE, IT'S NICE
AND DRY IN HERE--
LISTEN TO THAT
WIND HOWL!

I HEARD ANOTHER
KIND OF HOWL--
IT SOUNDED--
LOOK!

HIS TENT IS GONE!
IT BLEW AWAY!

WE HAVE TO
SAVE HIM!

HELP!

BUT HOW?
WE'D BLOW
AWAY, TOO!

I KNOW!
WE'LL MAKE
A HUMAN
CHAIN! PUDGE
CAN BE THE
ANCHOR!
COME ON!



KRISKO AND JASPER

THIS AIN'T A
D-DREAM,
IS IT?

P-POTNER,
WE'RE FLYIN'!

NO WONDER THE
BOYS ARE UP IN
THE AIR! THEY'RE
MOVIN' THE
LETITIA II WITH HER
SCREWBALL INVENTOR,
WHO CAN'T INVENT A
WAY TO GET DOWN!

Art by
Jack A.
Warren

HURRY UP, FELLAHS!
I THOUGHT YOU WUZ
MOVIN' MEN!

OH, WERE
ALLUS HALF'N
HOUR LATE--
MR. SKIDMORE!

YEH!
ALLUS!

STOMP!

CAIN'T AFFORD T'
BE LATE T'DAY! GOTTA
GIT TH' LETTIE II TO
THE RACES BY 3 P.M!

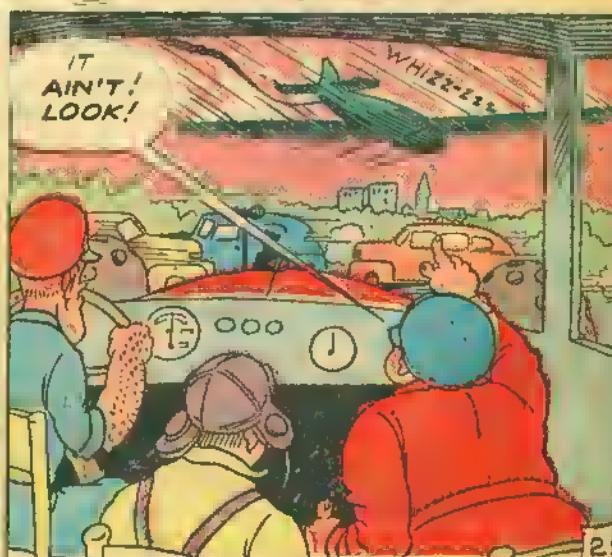
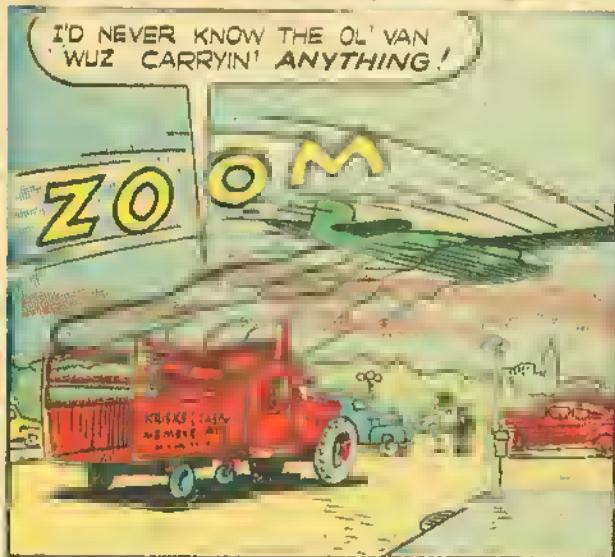
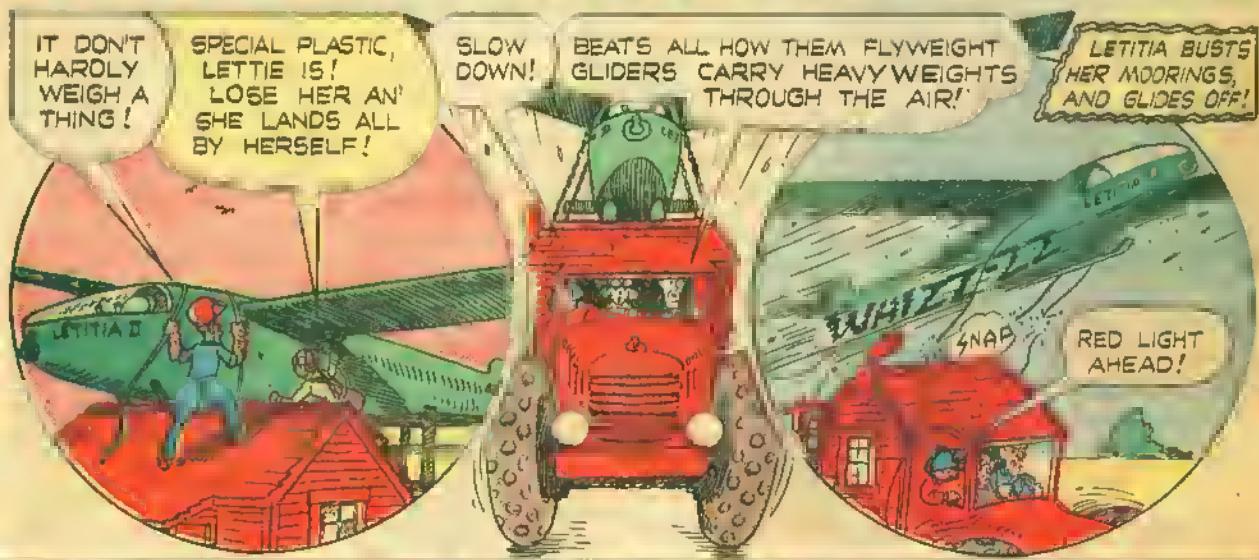
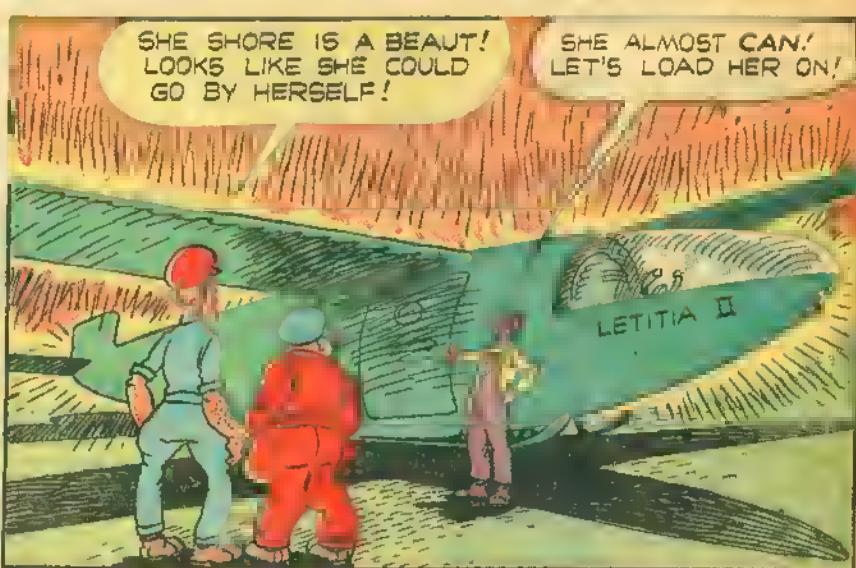
SO IT'S A
HORSE
YUH WANT
US T'MOVE!

GOOD THING IT'S
A HORSE! IF THE
VAN BREAKS DOWN,
HE CAN PULL US!

A
HOSS
NOTHIN'
LOOK
YONDER!

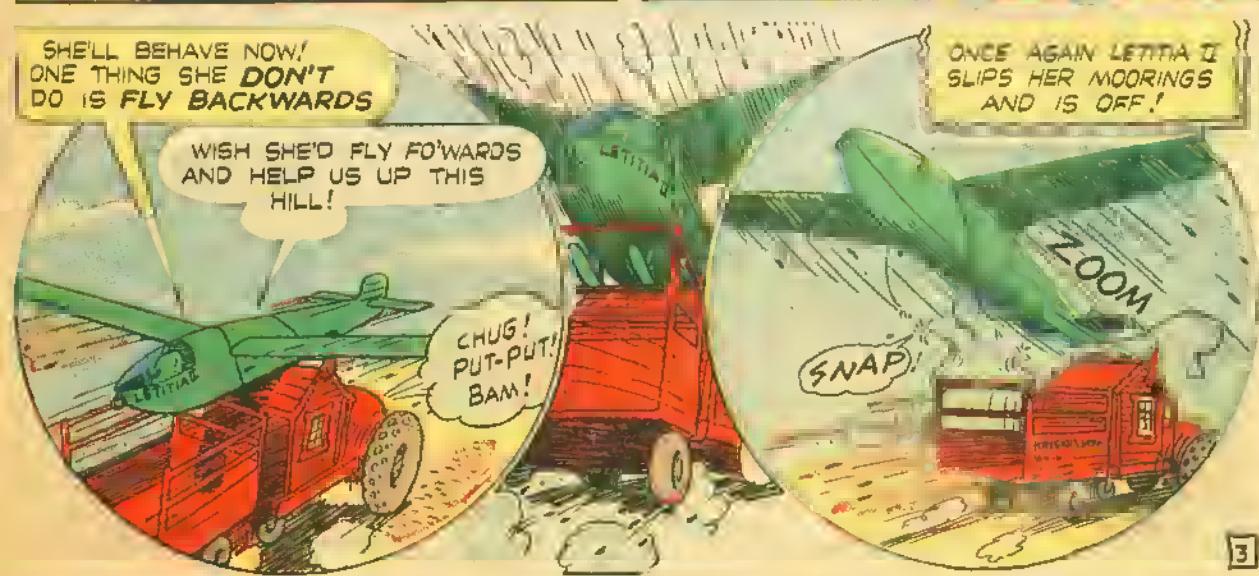
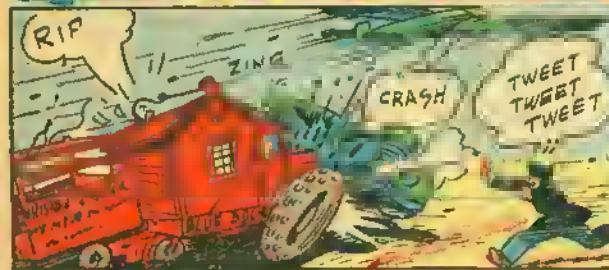
SHE SHORE IS A BEAUT!
LOOKS LIKE SHE COULD
GO BY HERSELF!

SHE ALMOST CAN!
LET'S LOAD HER ON!



LARRUPPIN' LIZAROS!
SHE'S PULLIN' US PAST
THE RED LIGHT, AN' THE
BRAKES WON'T HOLD 'ER!

THE DRAG HOOK'S
CAUGHT YOUR VAN,
AND SHE'S PULLIN'
US RIGHT INTO
THAT COP'S ARMS!



IT'S THIS DERN HEADWIND!
---ALMOS' SEEMS IT'S
PUSHIN' US BACKWARD!

IT AIN'T TH'
HEADWIND!
IT'S LETTIE
AGAIN!

YAAA-AAGH!
C-CUT TH' WHEELS!

'NOTHER INCH 'N
WE'D A BEEN
PLAYIN' HARP'S!

YOU BOYS AIN'T SHAKEN
UP, ARE YOU?--THE
LETTIA IT'S TH' SAFEST
VEHICLE GOIN'!

GOT 'ER CHAINED NOW--
AN' I'LL RIDE UP HERE WITH
'ER, JUST TO MAKE SURE!

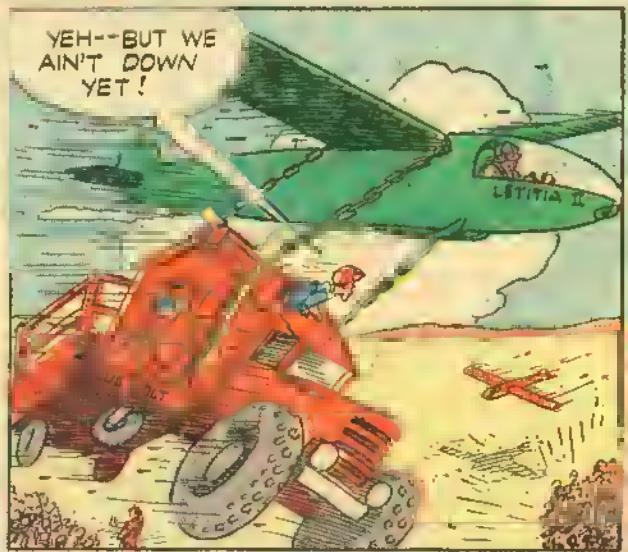
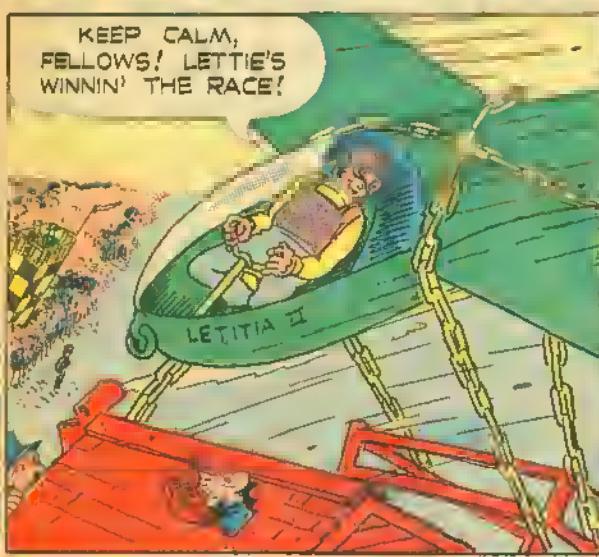
HERE WE ARE!
WARN'T SUCH A TOUGH
JOB AFTER ALL!

AN' PER ONCE TH'
OL' PUT-PUT'S RUNNIN'
SMOOTH AS SILK!

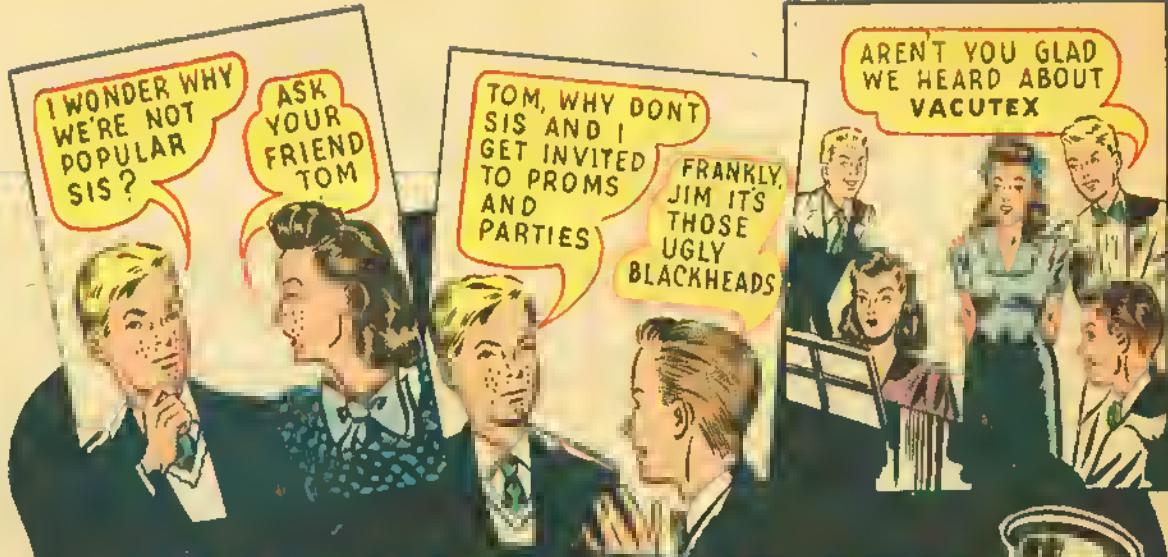
WE'LL TRY
AGAIN, MR.
SKIDMORE!
--GOOD THING
WE'RE ALMOS'
AT TH' RACIN'
FIELD!

HURRAY!

QUESTION No. 18. What is the present American record for distance flown in a glider?



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